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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Fritz Schwertfeger

Examiner: Kirsten Jolley

U.S. Serial No.: 09/308,770

Group Art Unit: 1762

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For: **METHOD FOR PRODUCING ORGANICALLY MODIFIED,
PERMANENTLY HYDROPHOBIC AEROGELS**

**Commissioner for Patents,
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the following amendments.

Amendments to the Claims are included in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.